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OF

ALEXINE DAVISON NIX,

WIFE OF

ROBERT WILLIAMSON NIX.

OF

ROCKVILLE CENTER, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

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THE VISITATIONS.

"The Visitations were in the nature of assize and fines, and penaties were enacted against those who failed to come in. Each county was visited several times and in consequence a pretty complete list was obtained by all Arms, then in use, to which any right could be shown and no Arms were to be admitted which were not allowed at such Visitations.
Arms had, of course, been granted in due form before this but the registration of such being found incomplete, these Visitations were enacted.
From the date of these Visitations, all Arms duly granted have been registered.

(Extract, letter from G. Woods Wallaston, Esq.
Bluemantle, Herald College, Somersett House, London, Eng.)

Quoted from Howland Delano Perrine, A.B.LL.B.
Compiler of "Wrights of Oyster Bay, Long Island"

Coat Armour represented the badge of a family . All members of that family were permitted legally to the display and use of same, while the Crest, or Cognizance, was generally used as an individual badge and was of various forms among the different branches, or groups of such family. When the Arms were used or displayed by Junior, or other members of such family, besides the regognized head, thereof, a distinction was added by the impaling on the sheild of the Coat of Armour various accepted symbols to designate whether the bearer was a first, second, or younger son.
These symbols were known as "differences" of marks of Cadency.
Crests, or Cognizances, came into use at a very early period but, about the twelfth or thirteenth Centuries their adoption appears to have become general.

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SETTLEMENT OF HEMPSTEAD,LONG ISLAND,NEW YORK.

Hempstead Town Records,Volumne I.

The actual settlement of Hempstead by Europeans was made on a tract of land which JOHN CARMAN and REV.ROBERT FORDHAM,acting for their associates at Stamford,Connecticut,purchased Indian Title to, Nov. I6th. I644 and procured a Patent for same from William Keife, the Dutch Governor of New Neitherland.

NOTES.

The land was originally occupied by three tribes of Indians.
The Rockaways - Merokes and Matinecocks.
Thirty or forty families came from Stamford,Conn. to the new settlement,among whom were REV.RICHARD DENTON,William Raynor,Richard Gildersleeve, John,Robert and Benjamin Coe -JOHN CARMAN -ROBERT FORDHAM -Robert Jackson -Simon Searing and John Ellison.
Most of these families came originally from Massachusetts Colony via. Wethersfield,Conn. having come to America with the band called "The Puritans" I630.
The purchase of this tract of land was confirmed to seven families of Englishmen,four of whom were from Hemel,Hempstead,Hertfordshire,England and the settlement was named "Hempstead".
These settlers were joined by John Hicks and DANIEL WHITEHEAD of Flushing and subsequently by other English settlers from East and West ends of the Island. CAPT.JOHN SEAMAN,coming from Eastern end of the Island,had settled on land adjoining what was subsequently the Eastern boundary of the Hempstead Purchase and had secured title to a tract of land comprising more than twelve thousand acres which in I685,under Dougan Patent became part of Hempstead.

The first division of land recorded in Hempstead,took place I647 and from this,it appears that,at the time,there were sixty-two Freeholders in the town. Each person was alotted land in proportion to the money he had contributed to the public funds.

The plots varied in size from ten to two hundred acres.

Elizabeth, New Jersey.

It is well to here mention the settlement of Elizabethtown,N.J. as it was a Patent granted to Long Island group of men and settled by Long Island Families.

Purchase of land from the Indians of where Elizabethtown was founded was made by John Bailey - DANIEL DENTON and Luke Watson of Jamaica Long Island. Patent granted to Capt. John Baker,who acted as interpreter,John Ogden from Easthampton and Southampton,John Bailey and Luke Watson of Jamaica and"their associates" by Governor Nicholls, confirming in deed dated,Dec. Ist. I664.

John Ogden of Easthampton bought out DANIEL DENTON of Jamaica.

Elizabeth was named in honor of Elizabeth,wife of the first Sir George Carteret,an uncle of Governor Philip Carteret.

Governor Phillip Carteret married Elizabeth (Smith) Lawrence of Long Island. She was daughter of Richard Smith and widow of Capt. Wm. Lawrence. She married,as a second wife, Capt. William Lawrence,March 4th. I664. Capt. Lawrence,who was born St.Albans, Hertfordshire,England,I623 came to America ,I635. He,with his brother John Lawrence and sixteen others,were Patentees of Flushing,L.I. He became the largest landed proprietor. His estate was at Lawrence, Long Island which stills bears his name. Here he died intestate,I680, leaving seven children.

After Capt. William Lawrence's death,his widow, married Sir Phillip Carteret,Governor of New Jersey.

The daughter of Capt. William Lawrence by his first wife(name not known)was Elizabeth Lawrence who married,I672 Thomas Stevenson,uncle of Abigail Stevenson who married,as her first husband,Daniel Denton of this record.

ALEXINE DAVISON NIX

Born Jan. 6th.1866,East Rockaway,L.I. Living 1932.

Married at East Rockaway,L.I. Nov. 20th. 1889

ROBERT WILLIAMSON NIX

Born Oct. 3rd.1865 at Hempstead,L.I. Living 1932.

Resided East Rockaway and Rockville Center,Long Island,N.Y.

Children:

I.Robert W.Nix,Jr. born June 19th. 1892

Married,Ithaca,N.Y.

Mary Elizabeth Banks,dau.of Banks of Ithaca,N.Y.
Born

Issue: 1.Robert W.Nix,3rd. born SanDiego,California, Sept. 26th.1918

2.Mary Elizabeth,born Spokane,Wash.May 24th.1920

3.Morris Freeman Banks, born Washington,D.C. Sept. 10th. 1926.

Robert W.Nix,Jr. Capt. in U.S.Army. Served in World War,1917-1918.

II. Alma Nix,born Mch.8th. 1895

Married Walter LeRoy Saunders of Washington,D.C.

III.Majorie Eliza Nix,born Nov. 9th. 1900

Married Richmond Pugh Bond of Nashville,Tenn.

NOTE ✳ before a name means the lineal descent.

The numerals beside the male name refers to the number of generations from the first immigrant to America .

DAVISON FAMILY
OF
EAST ROCKAWAY,
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

Arms: Or between a fesse wavy, six cenquefoils gu.
Crest: Out of an Earl's Coronet or, a dove rising arg. in its beak a wheat stalk or.

Confirmed and approved unto SIR ALEXANDER DAVISON of New Castle-upon-Tyne, Knt. and his descendants by Sir William Segar, Garter and Sir John Borough, Narroy 7 Charles I.

SIR ALEXANDER DAVISON OF NEW CASTLE-UPON-TYNE AND OF BLAKESTON, married Anne, daughter of Mr. Raphe Cocke of New Castle-upon-Tyne. Sir Alexander "slayne" at New Castle-upon-Tyne upon storming thereof the Scots Army, valiantly defending that place for King Charles I. 1644, then being 79 years old.

His children were,

I. Sir Thomas Davison who 1st. married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Sir William Lambton of Lambton County, Pal. Durham.
2nd. married Margaret, eldest daughter of Sir. William Belases of Murton County, Pal. Durham, Knt.
Sir Thomas Davison was a 2nd. Lieut Col. of Regiment of Foot in Army of late King Charles I. aged 58 on Aug. 20th. 1666

II. Barbara, who married Raphe Calverley.

III. Raphe Davison of Thomley County Pal. Durham. Aged 55 years, on Aug. 20th. 1666 Married Timothia, fourth daughter of William Belases of Murton County, Pal. Durham-Knt.

IV. Samuel Davison of Wingate Grange County Pal. Durham Knt. aged 50 years on Aug. 20th. 1666 married Elizabeth, second daughter of John Cosens Bpp. of Durham, widow of Sir. Thomas Burton of Bumpton in Westmoreland Knt.

V. Joseph Davison, a Captain of Foot Comp. "Slayne" in the Storm of New Castle by the Scots 1644 in Valiant defense thereof. unmarried.

Son and heir of Sir Thomas Davison was Alexander Davison aged 30 years old, Aug. 20th. 1666

He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Dawes of Roehampton,, Surray, Knt.

They had son John Davison aged two years, Aug. 20th. 1666.

Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Davison married Robert Luton of Luton, County York, Esq.

The search has not been made in England to establish the lineal line of descent to Alexander Davison and his brother, Rev. Robert Davison who were born in Howman, Twiotdale, Roxburghshire, England and who were settlers of North Hempstead, Long Island.

Town Records of Hempstead, Vol. IV. Pages 120-125-333-324.

Rev. Robert Davison recorded ear marks of Cattle at Hempstead, June 8th. 1751. In this record the name is spelled Davison.

Page 120. Rev. Robert Davison purchased a farm in Hempstead, Aug. 7th 1751, paying #3000. in cash. In this record the name is spelled Davidson. Evidently mis-spelled in recording.

Page 324. On Nov. 7th. 1759 Rev. Robert Davison, then in England, makes his brother Alexander Davison Power of Attorney to sell his farm.

Pages 333 & 335. Alexander Davison sells this farm to Aaron Place of Huntington. Mch. 19th. 1760

Rev. Robert Davison was of the Island of Antiqua before coming to America and there is no record found that he ever returned to America from England where he was 1759. His brother, Alexander was born in England 1698 and died in Ulster County, New York, Mch. 16th. 1764

Relatives were settled in Preston, Conn, near Norwich, at the time, and even before these brothers were of Long Island. The Davison men of Connecticut were, several of them Sea Captains, whose vessels plied between England and America. It will be noticed that the families

In Conn. and Long Island carry the same given names, in many instances. Family tradition claims that Robert Davison, son of Rev. Robert, as a young man came to America to fight the in the cause of the Colnies. This fact, together with records obtainable, convinces me, that Rev. Robert Davison, after establishing a home on Long Island, returned to England to marry but for some reason, did not return to America after marriage. It will be noticed that in 1751 he purchased his farm in Hempstead. In 1757 his son Robert was born. 1759 he empowers his brother, Alexander to sell farm which he does in 1760.

That he still retained pleasant memories of his American home, relatin same to his son, Robert. This accounts for the son's interest in American Colonies and, as a boy, nineteen years old, returned to America with his relative, the sea Captain, Thomas Davison which accounts for his enlistment in sea service at Norwich, Conn.

Robert Davison, Jr. married on Long Island and still followed his interest in navigation by owning and operating, several years, boats between New York and Albany. The Davisons of the early settlers nearly all followed the sea.

Alexander Davison, brother of Rev. Robert Davison, was born 1698 died in Ulster County (now Orange County) N.Y. Mch. 16th. 1764 and is buried in Goodwill Cemetery beside his daughter-in-law (dau. of Patrick Barber) wife of his son John.

Ross' History of Long Island.

Apr. 28th. 1755 Alexander Davison bought two male slaves, Tom & Robin, from Capt. George Everit.

St. George's Church records a marriage record of one John Davison of Nova Scotia and Rebecca Mott, Aug. 8th. 1786. He is thought to be a brother of Robert Davison, Jr. sons of Rev. Robert Davison, This John Davison went to New Bruswick and had descendants there. There were exchange of visits between this family in Canada and those on Long Island for several years.

John Davison was a Tory and fought with British.

He may have come with the British Troops and then remained here as he did not marry until after the Rev.War. Perhaps he did not come until after the War.There is no record to prove definately but it is family tradition that Robert Davison,Jr. had a brother who fought on side of British.

Alexander Davison left a Will in Ulster County,N.Y. Proved Aug.16th. 1764. Property to Widow Margaret and two sons,John and David. "If they should die,to my loving friend,David Wallis,lately living in County Augus,Scotland,Shipmaster."

I am inclined to believe that the name of the father of Alexander and Rev. Robert Davison was DAVID or John.

Robert Davison 2 (Rev. Robert Davison I)

Born England I757 died East Rockaway,L.I. Dec. I7th.I825 (a)

Married on Long Island,N.Y. I779

Anne(Nancy)DeMott dau.of Anthony & Phebe(Bedell) DeMott

Born Nov. I2th.I755 died East Rockaway,L.I. Sept.25th. I755 (a)

Resided East Rockaway,Long Island,N.Y.

Children:

I. Anne born Aug. 9th. I780 died July 29th. I864
married July I2th.I803 Henry Pearsall.

II.David 3 born I78I died after I844
married July 7th. I804 Molly Pearsall (b) died after Apr.30th.I834

III.Thomas 3 born I783 died between I850 & I858
married I808 Fanny Valentine.

IV. Robert 3 born I787 died Mch. I8th. I84I (a)
married Aug. 2nd. I809 Ann Bedell)a) born May 4th. I787
died Jan. 27th.I844

V. Anthony 3 born Apr. 5th. I789 died May 3rd. I832
married I8I3 Fanny Pearsall dau. of Uriah & Ann(Cornell)
born Jan. 5th.I793 died Aug. I9th. I852

* VI.Alexander 3 born Nov. I793 died July 8th. I868 (a)
married Mch. I9th. I823 (c) Amelia Denton dau. of Oliver &
Phebe(Smith) Denton.

VII. Phebe born Oct. 20th. I795 died Oct. I9th.I883)b)
married Mch. 7th. I8I5(b) Mott Bedell 5(Daniel 4 Ellias 3 David 2
Robert I.)born Mch.I4th.I794
died Feb. 6th. I878

Grandparents of Seth Low of Brooklyn,N.Y. Ex-Mayor of New York City.

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References:

(a) Ist. Medodist Church-yard(Sand Hole) Rockville Center Long Island.
(b) St. George's Church,Hempstead,L.I.
(c) Dutch Church,Jamaica,L.I.

Robert Davison 2 served in War of Revolution.

See record following.

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ROBERT DAVISON,SR. enlisted in War of Revolution,June 5th. 1776 a seaman on Galley "Shark" built at Norwich,Conn.and under command of Capt. Thomas Stanton.

No date of discharge or place of residence stated.

Record found on file in office of Adjutant General,State of Conn. Hartford,Conn.

Also,record found in "Connecticut Man in War of Revolution."

Family tradition claims,"he was a young man in England,having sympathy with American Colonies,came over and enlisted."

Record of Rev. Robert Davison, Clerk's office,Queen's County,Long Island. Liber C. Page 45.

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